

Dear committee members,

I am a CT resident and have great appreciation of our environment and wildlife.

The importance of protecting our horseshoe crabs is not to be overlooked. You have heard the testimony of scientists regarding this concern and the real evidence that the crab population is in decline due to the use of these animals as bait. I would just like to add my voice as a citizen to say that profit motives of private companies and individuals is not justification to put a wildlife species at risk of extinction and risking the survival of other animals and plants that would be impacted by their loss.

I hope you are not swayed by interests of those with power and money who have a disregard for the welfare of the environment.

Thank you, Catherine

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